

12 (Amended). A pollution control device comprising:

a housing;

a pollution control element disposed within the housing; and

a mounting article disposed between the pollution control element and the housing, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting a pollution control element having major top and bottom surfaces, a thickness, a length and a width, said sheet material having at least one score-line in at least one of the major top and bottom [a] surfaces of said sheet material, said at least one score-line extending only in a direction parallel to the flow of gas through said pollution control element.

23 (Amended). The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein the pollution control element [monolith] has a round shape and the sheet material has a plurality of score-lines in the top surface of the sheet material and the top surface of the sheet material faces the housing.

Please insert the following new claims into the application.

26 (New) The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein said sheet material includes a sheet material layer having a surface suitable for receiving strips of sheet material, said strips of sheet material attached to the surface of said sheet material layer in an adjacent manner to provide said at least one score-line.

27 (New) The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein said score-lines are U-shaped.

Remarks

Responsive to the outstanding Examiner's Action, Applicants have carefully studied the references cited by the Examiner and the Examiner's comments relative thereto. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled, and new claims 26 and 27 have been added. Claims 12 and 23 have been amended. Claims 12-27 are pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge that formal drawings will be submitted upon the receipt of a Notice of Allowance.